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Westglen School students line up for their meal during the 24th Annual Turkey Dinner at the school last Friday. For more pictures see page 6.

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Sawed-off rifle discovered in thrift store donation box RCMP investigating firearm's possible crime link

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
 Review Staff

Volunteers at the Knox United Clothing Thrift Store in Didsbury discovered an unloaded sawed-off .22 calibre rifle on the morning of December 12.

The rifle had been at the bottom of a clothing bag in the donation drop-off bin for the store.

Upon discovery, the rifle was immediately taken to the Didsbury RCMP detachment. RCMP seized the firearm as a "prohibited" item due to it being sawed off, or cut below the minimum prescribed barrel length.

"This is the first time I've been aware of a firearm being left in a thrift store box," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP. "It's definitely an

unusual discovery, and quite concerning to the person who found it."

RCMP are currently treating the situation as suspicious and are continuing to investigate the case. The firearm is being sent to the RCMP Forensic Laboratory in Regina for ballistics testing and analysis in order to determine if the weapon is linked to a crime.

Jacobson describes the rifle as being wrapped in a bag within the clothing bag.

"There's the potential that the person didn't realize that the firearm was there," said Jacobson. "However it may have been disposed of on purpose. The fact that the rifle was sawed off is concerning, it may have been involved in an offence."

Staff members at the

thrift store, who have chosen to remain unidentified, said that this is the first time that a firearm has ever been dropped off at the store before.

While RCMP continue to investigate the rifle, staff at the store believe that the firearm deposit was a mistake.

"With most crimes, people dispose firearms in the river, or somewhere where it won't be found and traced for fingerprints," said one staff member.

At present the RCMP are seeking the public's help in determining who may have unintentionally or intentionally dropped the rifle off at the thrift store.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact RCMP at 403-335-3382 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)



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The sawed off .22 calibre rifle was found at the bottom of one of the donation bags collected from the drop-off bin of the Knox United Church Thrift Store in Didsbury on December 12. Didsbury RCMP have seized the weapon.

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Family wants more information on Vicky Shachtay probe

BY SYLVIA COLE
For The Review

An older sibling, speaking publicly for the first time, is looking for answers into the bombing murder of his sister Vicky Shachtay.

Former Didsbury resident Shachtay, a 23-year-old single mother and quadriplegic, died Nov. 25 after a package, triggered to explode, was delivered to her Innisfail home.

A little more than three weeks have passed, and brother Derek Shachtay, 26, of Didsbury, worries police won't find the person responsible for her death.

"I do not think the police are making their strongest effort. I don't think they're any bit closer. I don't know

if they're going to find this guy," said the brother.

He said because the news of his sister's death hit the media so quickly, he believes the person or people responsible have been scared off.

"He's not going to be bragging to his friends of what he's done anymore. He's going to keep his mouth shut."

His sister's death happened just under a year after the family lost their mother, Lou, to cancer.

She passed away two days after Christmas, Dec. 27, 2010.

With Christmas approaching this week, Shachtay said it's hard to stay strong.

"I'm a brand new daddy. I have a one and a half-year-old daughter and I'm

expecting my second right away here and I don't feel like I'm strong enough for them right now."

He wants to know why someone would kill his sister, "a nice Christian lady", who lived her life to the fullest.

"I was more mad than anything," he said of hearing the news. "I am very angry at the person who did this ... I have no reason to forgive him at all. I do honestly hope they catch him but I don't think they will."

Rick Bercier, the stepfather from Innisfail, said he has already forgiven the person who did this, something Shachtay can't comprehend.

"It's the only way to move on," said the stepdad.

Bercier added he knows

people don't understand how he could forgive so quickly but said his faith has allowed him to do so.

"It's to me (a) part of healing. You have to do it so you can move forward," he said.

The stepdad said he too wants to know why.

"Did they know Vicky well? They could have taken three people. Thankfully my granddaughter wasn't there." The Destiny, Vicky's daughter, is currently in Bercier's care.

He said it's frustrating not to know more about the investigation but said he understands why the police aren't releasing information.

"I understand they don't want the information tainted

ed but it's important to catch the perpetrator," said Bercier.

Last week the police issued a request to the public for anyone with video surveillance on their property to bring it to the detachment, in case there could be footage of the person who delivered the package.

Sgt. Tim Taniguchi, media relations officer for the RCMP, said there have been responses to the request but said he wouldn't go into specifics because it is under investigation.

As to concerns from Shachtay that the police won't find the perpetrator, Taniguchi said the police are making their best effort to find the people involved.

"We are conducting a police investigation, a criminal investigation and our job is to get to the truth which we are trying to do and we are making every effort to accomplish that."

He said the reason for being so close-lipped is to keep safe any sensitive information.

"In any type of investigation we have to keep some info tight. ... we have to manage the information that's out there."

Shachtay moved to Innisfail with her siblings, mother and stepfather in 1999 so both Bercier and his wife could be closer to work.

She had just moved into the ground level apartment where she died at the end of October.

Leinen guilty of murder in college student's death

BY DAN SINGLETON
For The Review

As Jeffrey Leinen begins serving a 14-year prison sentence for killing Olds College student Nicholas Baier in October 2010, Baier's family is still trying to come to grips with their loss.

In a victim impact statement read in court on Friday, Baier's mother Maggie reportedly said her son's death has changed her family forever.

"A huge part of our inner self died along with Nicholas that night," she said. "All of Nicholas's and our hopes, dreams and plans for the future were extinguished in a heartbeat."

"We are tortured by the question: Why Nicholas? He was an unsuspecting innocent victim."

In his victim impact statement, Nicholas's father John called his son an "excellent cattleman as well as a machinery operator, fencer, pen checker, repairman and businessman."

Frank Van Humback, Baier's uncle and family spokesperson, said the family's grieving process will not end with last week's verdict.

"It's going to be a long and hard process for the family over the next many years," said Van Humback. "We are relieved that it is wrapped up."

He said the family is

pleased with the length of sentence handed to Leinen.

"We are pleased that he won't be out for many years," he said.

Leinen's Court of Queen's Bench jury trial in Calgary ended Wednesday with a second-degree murder conviction. He was also convicted of aggravated assault against a second Olds College student, Dan Skocdopole.

Following a three-week trial, the seven-man, five-woman jury found that Leinen intentionally drove his pickup truck into a group of people outside the Texas Mickey bar on October 29, 2010.

Baier, 18, was run over and killed, while

Skocdopole was run over and injured.

In an agreed statement of facts presented at the outset of the trial, Leinen admitted being the driver of the truck.

About two dozen witnesses, including several people who saw the truck run into the crowd, testified for the Crown.

During the trial the jury heard Leinen was angry and threatening people outside the bar after bouncers forcibly removed him from the establishment after he got into a fight in the bar.

In handing Leinen a 14-year prison term – the minimum is 10 years – Justice Marsha Erb called Leinen's actions on the night Baier

died "nothing short of a profound act of cowardice."

During his closing arguments to the jury, Crown prosecutor Roy Smith told the jury Leinen was angry and combative after being kicked out of the bar.

"The accused was very angry about what happened to him and he wanted to get back at the group," said Smith.

"As he accelerated into this group he intended to cause someone's death. His actions showed his intention."

"He had been in a fight and evicted from the bar and he told people he would get the people who had done this to him. When

he says (in a police interview following his arrest) that he didn't gun this truck into the crowd, I say that is a lie."

"Eighteen-year-old Nicholas Baier lost his life when he was run over. This was clearly an intentional act and that, ladies and gentlemen, is murder."

During Friday's sentencing the jury reportedly heard that Leinen has more than 40 previous criminal convictions, including for impaired driving and dangerous driving.

Defence lawyer Andre Ouellette reportedly said he will have discussions with Leinen before deciding whether to appeal the conviction and sentence.

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Heistad, Carter Fifield, Brendan Fifield, Henry Bommarito, Blake Miller, Brooklyn Ruby, Sierra Reese, Payton Reese and Nicolas Sloan are all fired up and ready for their next challenge.

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Editorial

Child protection from Internet crime an ongoing fight

DAN SINGLETON



With the holiday season in full swing and students about to head out of classes for the Christmas break, the federal government has taken an important and worthwhile step to protect those same kids from Internet predators.

Last week, new legislation, Bill C-22, came into effect making it mandatory for Internet service providers to immediately report instances of child pornography to the police.

While some of the federal government's recent crime reform initiatives have been less than universally applauded, this new legislation is good for all Canadian children and their families, including those in West Central Alberta.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says the new legislation is an important part of the ongoing nationwide effort to protect children from online sexual exploitation and to bring those responsible for the proliferation of child pornography to justice.

"Canadians are rightfully concerned that in 2010 child pornography offences were up by more than 30 percent," said Nicholson. "The sexual exploitation of children by Internet sexual predators is a very serious crime and our government is committed to taking tough action against it."

Bill C-22 applies to suppliers of Internet services to the public, including those who provide electronic mail services, Internet content hosting services and social networking sites.

The legislation requires those suppliers to report child pornography they receive or uncover to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, and to notify police and safeguard evidence if they believe that a child pornography offence has been committed using an Internet service they provide.

Three years ago, the federal, provincial and territorial justice ministers agreed that the fight against child pornography would be enhanced by federal legislation establishing mandatory reporting of online child pornography by Internet service providers. This new legislation makes such reporting the law of the land.

"We are confident that this legislation will reduce the circulation of these harmful images, rescue victims and identify those committing crimes against children," said Lianna McDonald, Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, an organization that operates the Cybertip.ca online tip line for reporting sexual abuse of children.

While this new federal legislation will hopefully help bring more and more criminals who target children to justice – and deter others from going down that same terrible path – the general public can also play an important role in helping fight child pornography.

All it takes is a phone call to any Alberta RCMP detachment to start a police investigation into child pornography crimes – and residents of all ages are certainly encouraged to do just that.



Commentary

Christmas, Bing Crosby and the transience of fame

PAT MURPHY

For people whose earliest radio memories come from the 1940s or early 1950s, Bing Crosby and Christmas are inextricably linked. Whether it was White Christmas, Jingle Bells or reverent pieces like Silent Night, the Crosby voice was ubiquitous every December.

But Crosby was much more than a seasonal crooner. Indeed, he was probably the first example of a multimedia global superstar, having what was once described as the most recognizable voice in the world.

Through the 1930s and 1940s, he was the most consistent hitmaker around, shifting tens of millions of units in an era without the convenience of downloads and where many homes had no ability to even play records. On radio, then the dominant medium of daily communication, his weekly network show ran for 23 years.

In the process, he popularized an easy microphone-friendly approach that set the musical template for a host of followers, including the young Frank Sinatra. Instead of belting with sufficient volume to be heard in the cheap seats, vocal styles became more intimate, even conversational. The critic Henry Pleasants called it "singing in American."

Crosby was also a movie star of the highest magnitude. Between 1934 and 1954, he placed among the annual top 10 box office stars no fewer than 15 times. Indeed, for five straight years (1944-48), he was at

the very top of the list. He even got three Academy Award nominations for best actor, winning once.

In a broader cultural sense, he had an unmistakable resonance, that of the easygoing American Everyman. With his colourful shirts, ever-present pipe, and passion for golf and the racetrack, he was the epitome of a regular guy. And in Ireland, he was also seen as "one of ours" – an Irish-American Catholic who had scaled the heights while keeping the faith and remaining true to his roots.

So how does it happen that one of the most famous people in the world becomes a semi-forgotten figure, trotted out once a year as just one voice in a multitude?

Part of it can be put down to the simple passage of time. Crosby has been dead for over 30 years and had become musically unfashionable 20 years prior to his death. A half-century is a very long time in popular culture.

In addition, his public image took some posthumous hits. Allegedly, the casually charming Everyman was a stingy womanizer with a penchant for alcohol, and for inflicting severe physical discipline on his children.

But while it's one thing to recede from general consciousness, it's quite another for someone of Crosby's stature to be almost written out of the history of popular culture. In the lead-up to the millennium, Newsweek did a series of retrospectives on people and events that defined the 20th century. Amazingly, the June 28, 1999, issue – Voices of the Century: America Goes

Hollywood – managed to fill 40 odd pages with nary a mention of Crosby, other than as a caption to a photograph with Sinatra!

It's tempting to wonder whether this neglect has something to do with political sensibility. Crosby, after all, was emblematic of an assertive, self-confident America, a society with an heroic sense of its own history and a keen appreciation for what it viewed as its positive uniqueness. To modern cultural commentators, it would be something of a foreign country, and not a particularly attractive one at that.

But the likelier explanation is more prosaic. Analyses like that in Newsweek are just poor journalism, the product of an inability to imagine a world that was not only different from one's own but also different from what the received wisdom thinks it was. The combination of a lack of knowledge and the influence of groupthink can produce some pretty shoddy results.

Publications like Newsweek should know that. Perhaps they once did.

So if Crosby's voice comes at you from the radio or the shopping mall sound system this Christmas, take silent note of the transience of fame. And remember that a mere 60 to 70 years ago, the voice's owner had an overwhelming presence in the popular culture. Indeed, it was on a scale that today's icons would kill for.

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All invited to community Christmas dinner

BY MADISON SAMUEL-
BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Community Christmas Dinner is back again for its fourth year to provide a delicious meal for anyone and everyone on December 25 at the Didsbury Elks Lodge, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Admission into the dinner is by donation to the Christmas Food Hamper, and can be money, non-perishable goods or something else.

This year's dinner is a community volunteer effort run by Donnally McNeil, who first took up the task of revitalizing the free dinner when it was originally cancelled.

Since starting up the dinner again with a friend and family, McNeil has seen the event balloon into a large volunteer-run project every year, with families and residents from Didsbury and the county donating foods, goods, and their time to see

the event a success.

"It makes Christmas for me," said McNeil of the annual event and how much it has grown in its four running years.

The dinner is for absolutely anyone, be they alone on Christmas or simply don't want to cook, according to McNeil.

"Didsbury has a lot of elderly couples who can't really cook a turkey for two," said McNeil. "Some families just don't want to cook."

The dinner features traditional turkey and other staple Christmas goods.

Leftovers from the dinner are given to the Didsbury Medical Clinic, as the hospital staff kitchen will be closed at that time.

As for future community dinners, McNeil says she hopes the event continues with or without her.

"I'm hoping it will continue, even if it's not me running it, I hope it just continues, it's a good event," said McNeil.



Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review

The Redeemer Lutheran Church held a live outdoor Nativity on December 17 and 18. The performances began at 7 p.m. to usher in the holiday season and ended with warm drinks and snacks inside the church auditorium.

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During the upcoming holiday season, Town Office, Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Public Works and Didsbury Memorial Complex will be closed on the following days:

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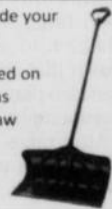
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2011 TAXES

Please be advised that all outstanding tax balances on December 31, 2011 will be subject to receive an 18% penalty. This penalty will be applied on January 1, 2012.

Oops...

We sincerely apologize for not advertising the Public Budget meeting held on December 16, 2011 in this space. Should you require budget information, please contact the Town Office at 403.335.3391 or inquiries@didsbury.ca.

Frequent checkpoints present few impaired drivers

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Didsbury RCMP are continuing their routine checkpoints in Didsbury, Carstairs, and nearby areas.

One checkpoint, which took place on Saturday Dec. 10 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. by the Innisfail Traffic Unit in Didsbury, checked 150 vehicles.

One driver during this check was suspended with their vehicle impounded, and two other drivers were issued tickets.

Didsbury RCMP conducted another checkpoint on December 9 from 10 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. in Didsbury and Carstairs.

One hundred vehicles were checked, and of these one driver was issued a 24-hour suspension and another driver was issued a violation ticket.

"So far we've seen not a lot of people drinking and driving, which is good," said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Checkpoint times are decided at random by a senior constable, who is assigned to a location to conduct the check. In order to avoid running into trouble at a random checkpoint, RCMP recommend that drivers don't drink.

Stolen vehicle discovered outside Cremona

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A stolen vehicle was found abandoned along Hwy. 22 on the side of Twp. Rd. 303 outside Cremona, at 5 p.m. on December 13.

The vehicle was discovered to be stolen out of Calgary on December 11. The vehicle was towed and examined by the forensics unit. Investigation is still ongoing.

Property damage to a fence occurred at a residence in Stenness Circle in Carstairs on December 10 at around 2 a.m.

The damage was caused by a dark-coloured SUV colliding with the fence before driving away. The event was witnessed by a neighbour. The damage caused is estimated at around \$1,000.

The driver is suspected to be female. RCMP will be continuing to investigate in order to determine the driver and vehicle.



The Westglen School band performs during the 24th Annual Turkey Dinner at the school last Friday.


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Westglen School students watch the school's band perform during the turkey dinner.

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Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review


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Santa Claus is a custodian of magical moments

On Nov. 29, just under a month before Christmas, FOX Chicago News anchor Robin Robinson told viewers that Santa Claus was not real.

Never mind the recession. Forget any and all wars and crises in the world. This was Santa Claus she was messing with. Viewers were outraged. Robinson was forced to apologize the next night.

"It was careless and callous to say what I said," the newscaster told her audience. She added her sin should not have been committed in mixed company, where kids are with adults, and that such proclamations can seriously spoil a time of wonder and magic for children.

There is no doubt Robinson's apology was sincere but she missed an important mark. Santa Claus has never been reserved for just children. Many adults believe too. If some don't, it is only a short and easy leap ahead.

Unfortunately for Robinson she forgot the message more than a century earlier from veteran New York Sun newsman Francis Pharcellus Church, who wrote one of



JOHNNIE BACHUSKY

the most memorable editorials on Santa Claus.

Church responded to eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon's letter in 1897 that said friends told her there was no such thing as jolly Saint Nicholas. But the newsman went far beyond all sceptical conventional wisdom to proclaim there was a Santa Claus, that the famed man in the white beard was as real as the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny.

To prove this he reminded readers it wasn't the seeing to believe that was important, it was the faith that all the world's good and wonder come from what is unseen and unseeable.

"The most real things in

the world are those that neither children nor men can see," wrote Church in his unsigned editorial. "You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart."

And here lies the great challenge for many adults in today's world of materialism, as they busy themselves this time of year to provide their families with a memorable Christmas and holiday season.

As many panic through the escalating rush of the season there is a sense the purity of magic that Santa Claus promises can too easily become lost. We wonder aloud and too often about budgets, parties and the day-to-day grind of seasonal preparations. The best moment is missed.

In his message to Virginia, Church slyly suggests what will really work for adults is to ignore the ever present messages of skepticism of today's world and hurl ourselves into the playful

kingdom of a child's mind and soul, where love, generosity, compassion and devotion exist, and where the world's highest ideals of beauty and joy are constant.

It is this unseen world, with the promises of living poetry that underscore love, happiness and brotherhood, that is ready for the taking, if we only just believe.

What we see of Santa Claus on television, movies and magazines is

really just the window dressing of Christmas, much of it distorted into imagery of iPads, designer jeans and the latest laptop computers.

What we don't see are the miracles within, a world of a million magical possibilities and moments of profound eternal light that are best reserved through the eyes and imagination of all the Virginians.

Yes, it is best this season to seize the hearts of

children. Santa Claus is the custodian of their dreams for all the endless possibilities on Christmas Day and beyond. They are unseen and unseeable but just as real today as in Virginia's day.

And we can thank FOX's Robin Robinson as well. Her message that triggered such open passion from the hearts of many who are open to the moment, is the best evidence today there is indeed a Santa Claus.

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Twelfth day of Christmas a celebration

With presents and parties foremost on the minds of many, the religious significance of the holiday season can take a back seat to some of the secular celebrations.

One of the religious celebrations of the season is Three Kings Day, also known as the Feast of the Epiphany and Dia de los Tres Reyes. Celebrated on January 6, the Epiphany marks the twelfth day of the Christmas holiday and remembers the wise men who came to bear gifts to the newborn baby Jesus.

According to the Bible, wise men saw a bright star in the sky the night Christ was born. They followed this star to Bethlehem

where they found the child. There they presented Christ with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

"And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

Frankincense, also called olibanum, is a sap of the Boswellia. The tree is tapped, much as one would a maple tree for syrup, and the frankincense resin drips out in "tears."

Frankincense was used for many reasons in ancient times, typically in religious

ceremonies as an incense.

The aroma of frankincense is said to represent life, and the Judaic, Christian, and Islamic faiths also used frankincense oils to anoint the young.

It has also been used in alternative medicine as a stomach aid. Ancient Egyptians used charred frankincense to make kohl, or the eye makeup distinctive of that region.

Myrrh is another tree resin and it comes from the Commiphora species. Myrrh was commonly used as a healing agent, especially an antiseptic.

Ancient Greek soldiers carried it to treat and clean wounds earned in battle.

Egyptians burned myrrh as part of rituals. It is also another substance burned during religious ceremonies.

Myrrh was also used in the embalming process in ancient times.

Historians and religious scholars say that the gifts given to Jesus by the three kings were quite appropriate.

The gold represented his royalty, the frankincense his divinity and the myrrh his future death.

On Three Kings Day many people take down holiday decorations and officially call an end to the Christmas season. They may also exchange small gifts symbolic of the epiphany.



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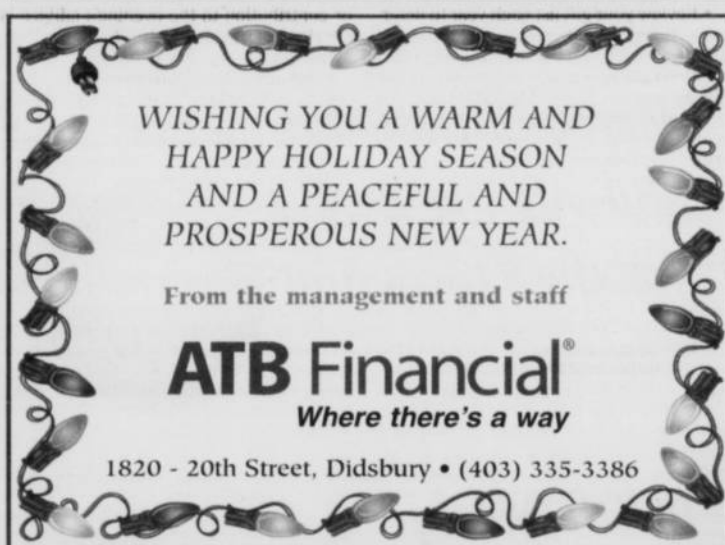
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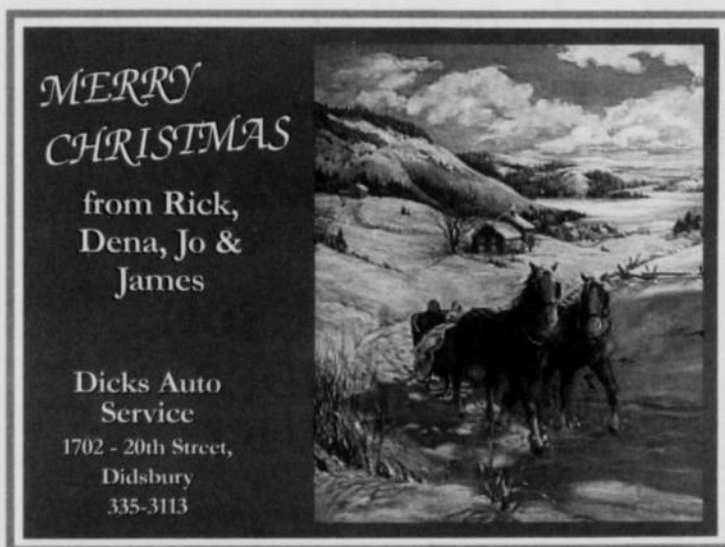
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A quick guide to gift-giving etiquette

Deciding on and paying for holiday gifts can be a challenge under the best circumstances. But then there are the inevitable "sticky situations" that can leave even the most experienced gift-givers scratching their heads. In the hopes of dodging major gift gaffes this holiday season, here are eight tips for gracious giving and receiving:

- Review your gift list each year to determine if any relationships have changed and require a shift in your gift-giving plan.
- Don't ask non-family members on your gift list what they would like. This not only spoils the surprise, but puts pressure on recipients to gauge how much you want to spend and requires them to get you something in return.
- Don't feel obligated to match what others spend. Buying gifts based on what others spend is both unnecessary and can lead to excessive expenditures.
- For workplace gifts, adhere to the company's policies and give gifts out of appreciation, not expectation.
- Including a gift receipt is a good idea and avoids potentially awkward situations when an item doesn't fit or doesn't work.
- Give holiday tips to those individuals whose service you count on throughout the year, such as hairstylists, babysitters, dog walkers, etc. An easy rule of thumb for holiday season tips is to double the usual tip. For household employees, give one week's pay.
- If someone surprises you with a gift,

the best bet is to respond honestly. Let the giver know that you are surprised, touched and appreciative as well as a bit embarrassed that you don't have a gift in return. Then let it go and add his/her name to your gift list for the following year.

- Don't arrive at holiday gatherings empty-handed. A small gift, bottle of wine or contribution to the evening's edibles is the right way to thank your hosts for their invitation.

- Acknowledging gift givers is a must, but formal, written thank you cards are optional. While handwritten notes are always preferable and greatly appreciated, emails are increasingly acceptable - especially for young people.

- Regifting is now considered a (mostly) acceptable practice, as long as it's done thoughtfully, tastefully and within the following guidelines:

- The regifted item should not be homemade or made especially for you.
 - The item should be new, unused and in its original packaging, along with instructions.
 - Be sure to remove all previous wrap and gift tags.
 - Don't regift to friends or family members who have a reputation for returning things they don't like. You don't want to be asked for a gift receipt.
 - Make certain that the original giver and the new recipient will never cross paths.
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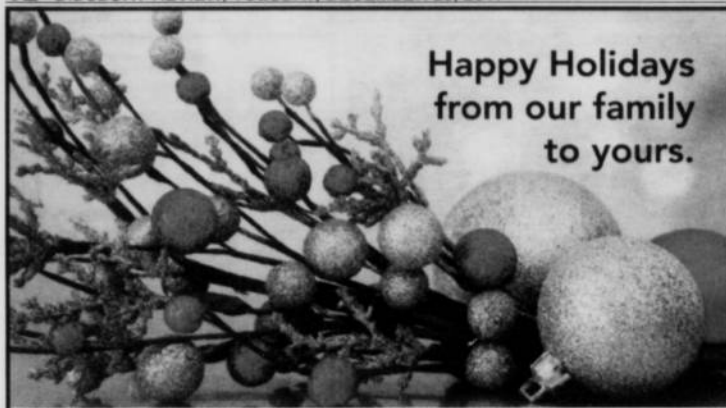
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Reindeer were a popular attraction at this year's Didsbury Country Christmas.

Reindeer not all red-nosed Rudolphins

While Rudolph might be the most famous reindeer, there remains no documented evidence of a red-nosed reindeer guiding Santa's sleigh on an especially stormy Christmas Eve.

But just because no one has yet to find the real Rudolph, that doesn't mean we don't know a few things about Santa's sled buddies.

- Reindeer are also known as Caribou in North America.

- Females generally weigh between 170 and 260

pounds, while males are often much larger, weighing as little as 200 pounds but as much as 460 pounds.

- Reindeer reside in both the Arctic and Subarctic, and hunting of wild reindeer and herding of semi-domesticated reindeer is important to several Arctic and Subarctic people.

- Reindeer fur can vary considerably. In northern populations, reindeer tend to have white fur, while southern populations are darker in colour.

- Reindeer size can also

vary depending on location, as southern reindeer populations tend to be larger than their northern counterparts.

- In most reindeer populations, both males and females grow antlers. Among deer, reindeer have the largest antlers in relation to body size.

- Males often battle with each other by locking antlers for the right to mate with certain females.

- During migration, some reindeer reach speeds of 37 to 50 miles per hour.

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The real St. Nicholas lived in Turkey. He was a bishop in the town of Myra during the fourth century.

According to Dutch leg-



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end, Sinter Klaas, or St. Nicholas, brought gifts at

Christmas, either through an open window or down a chimney.

This legend is the basis of the Santa Claus we know and love today.

St. Nicholas takes on many personas depending on the country in which his tale is being told.

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It is believed to have originated at pagan winter solstice festivals or yule festivals among Germanic people.

Eventually it turned into a Christmas tradition - one where a piece of wood is burned in the hearth, oftentimes overnight until Christmas arrives.

Even now, people who have fireplaces in their homes often participate in the yule log tradition.

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He came up with the concept of airing a continuous loop of a yule log burning so that viewers without fireplaces could

enjoy the magic of the yule log with seasonal music playing in accompaniment to the mesmerizing flames.

The original piece of film was a loop of only 17 seconds of film and individuals could tell it was artificial by its jerky appearance.

Eventually the yule log was refilmed. Annual airing of the yule log took place up until the 1990s.

But fans of the holiday staple protested and, after 11 years of being off the air, the yule log returned in 2001, a few months after the September 11 attacks.

Television executives cited that people wanted "comfort food television" and restored the yule log.

The yule log is now broadcast through many WPIX affiliates, and many other stations have done their own yule log broadcasts of different ornate fireplaces throughout North America.

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*Jan and I wish you and your family
all the best during this holiday season
and good health, peace and prosperity in
the New Year.*

Richard Marz, MLA
Olds Didsbury Three Hills

Season's Greetings

25 most popular holiday songs of the last decade

According to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, the following 25 songs were the most performed holiday songs of the first decade of the 21st century. The data was compiled with the aid of Mediaguide, said to be the most comprehensive digital audio performance tracking technology in the world.

1. *Winter Wonderland*
Written by: Felix Bernard, Richard B. Smith

Performed by: Eurythmics
2. *The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)*

Written by: Mel Tormé, Robert Wells
Performed by: Nat "King" Cole

3. *Sleigh Ride*
Written by: Leroy Anderson, Mitchell Parish

Performed by: The Ronettes
4. *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*

Written by: Ralph Blane, Hugh Martin
Performed by: The Pretenders

5. *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*
Written by: Fred Coots, Haven Gillespie

Performed by: Bruce Springsteen
6. *White Christmas*

Written by: Irving Berlin
Performed by: Bing Crosby

7. *Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!*
Written by: Sammy Cahn, Jule Styne

Performed by: Michael Buble
8. *Jingle Bell Rock*

Written by: Joseph Carleton Beal, James Ross Boothe

Performed by: Daryl Hall & John Oates
9. *Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer*

Written by: Johnny Marks
Performed by: Gene Autry

10. *Little Drummer Boy*
Written by: Katherine K. Davis, Henry V. Onorati, Harry Simeone

Performed by: The Harry Simeone Chorale & Orchestra

11. *It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year*

Written by: Edward Pola, George Wyle
Performed by: Andy Williams

12. *I'll Be Home For Christmas*
Written by: Walter Kent, Kim Gannon, Buck Ram

Performed by: Josh Groban
13. *Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree*

Written by: Johnny Marks
Performed by: Brenda Lee

14. *Silver Bells*
Written by: Jay Livingston, Ray Evans

Performed by: Anne Murray
15. *Feliz Navidad*

Written and Performed by: Jose Feliciano
16. *Frosty The Snowman*

Written by: Steve Nelson, Walter E. Rollins
Performed by: The Beach Boys

17. *A Holly Jolly Christmas*
Written by: Johnny Marks

Performed by: Burl Ives
18. *Blue Christmas*

Written by: Billy Hayes, Jay W. Johnson
Performed by: Elvis Presley

19. *It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas*

Written by: Meredith Willson
Performed by: Johnny Mathis

20. *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus*
Written by: Tommie Connor (PRS)

Performed by: John Mellencamp
21. *Here Comes Santa Claus (Right Down Santa Claus Lane)*

Written by: Gene Autry, Oakley Haldeman
Performed by: Gene Autry

22. *(There's No Place Like) Home For The Holidays*

Written by: Bob Allen, Al Stillman
Performed by: Perry Como

23. *Carol Of The Bells*
Written by: Peter J. Wilhousky, Mykola Leontovich

Performed by: David Foster (instrumental version)

24. *Wonderful Christmastime*
Written and Performed by: Paul McCartney (PRS)

25. *Do They Know It's Christmas? (Feed the World)*

Written by: Midge Ure (PRS), Bob Geldof (PRS)

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Knitting a yarn of a Christmas present

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Impossible. How can it not fit? It is identical to the one pictured on the knitting pattern: a lovely chocolate brown merino wool beanie accented with soft, powder blue polka dots. It's past midnight and my fatigued fingers are surely just playing tricks on me. I sit up straighter in bed, face the mirror, plop the almost finished hat on my head again and tug. Horrors. Once again it refuses to budge past the brim.

Countless hours of knitting have gone into this delight I'm making as a present for my 17-year-old daughter Meredith.

However, with Christmas just around the corner, it's the first time I've been able to try it on.

Eyeballing the creation perched precariously atop my brow, I feel the cold stirring of dread. It doesn't fit me. It won't fit Meredith. It would fit the crown of a medium-sized grapefruit. I've created a fruit hat.

No. That's unacceptable. It's supposed to be a daughter hat, one that will be

worn throughout the chilly winter months of my girl's final year of high school; one that will draw covetous looks from her friends and enable her to proudly (and honestly) proclaim "My mom made it for me!"

Dread takes a firm hold. Oh lord. There'll be no keeping this disastrous turn of events from my blissfully unaware, sleeping daughter. Since first spotting the sample in the knitting shop window over a year ago, she's eagerly anticipated the completion of her beanie. Witness to

virtually every stitch of the journey, she's savvy to the fact it's nearly finished.

A sewer, not a knitter, she entrusted the job to me. It's the number one item on her Christmas wish list. How can I tell her I've failed?

The fruit hat taunts me from the mirror. I stare back in utter disbelief. What did I do wrong? I followed the pattern religiously. It knit up so beautifully.

Just moments ago, this hat was loved. Now it's a vile representation of hours of wasted work. The

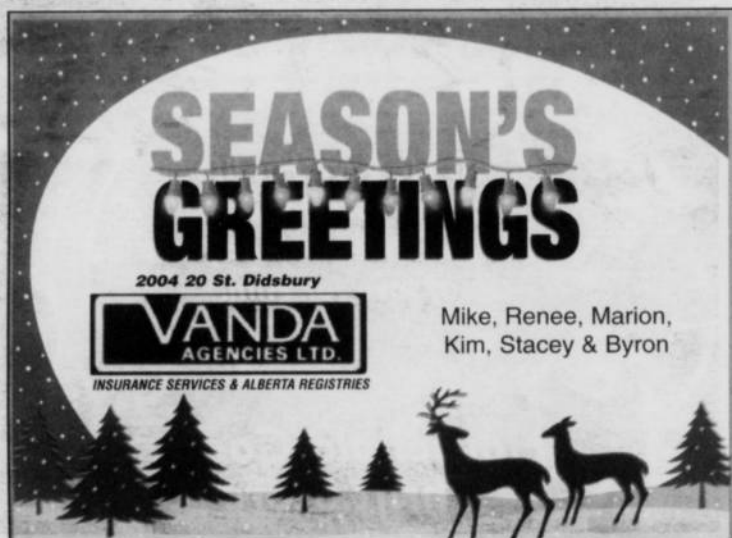
thought of ripping it apart and starting again is abhorrent. I hurl it to the floor, snap off the light and drift off to sleep, adamant my daughter will be sporting a store bought number this winter.

With morning a new reality dawns. As I reluctantly reveal the problem, Meredith's face is a work of art. It flits from initial disbelief, to sadness, to sympathy, to kindness. Her simple query "Do we know any small children it might fit?" is my undoing. My heart reaches out to her. Bless her. From the minute

she picked the pattern and carefully selected the yarn, she's loved the idea of this hat. How can I not make it a reality?

Photos are taken, laughs are shared and I allow myself a knit-free week. Then, armed with smiling encouragement from Meredith, I pick up the bamboo needles and gently tug at the stitches. As the yarn springs free and the crinkly threads are wound once again into two balls of colour, a steely resolve emerges.

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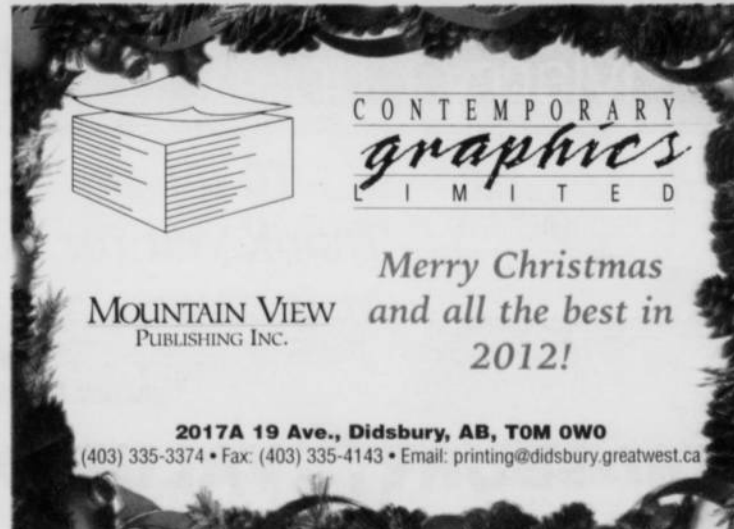
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The significance of mass

Christmas is one of the most celebrated dates on the Christian calendar.

One component of the Christmas celebration that has long been tradition and holds special meaning to celebrants is the Midnight Mass.

Mass, a Christian liturgical rite that often involves the sacrament of the Eucharist, may begin prior to midnight and include Biblical readings that focus on the story of Christ's birth, depending on the church.

At midnight on December 24, carols may be sung with the ringing of church bells to signify the birth of Christ as December 25 arrives.

In Israel, a procession takes place from Jerusalem to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. In the Catholic Pope's home of Vatican City, the Pope himself heads the Midnight Mass and people in large numbers pray for peace among mankind.

Many theologians say that the Midnight Mass evolved from individuals making pilgrimages to Israel and the actual birthplace of Christ.

Because the Bible states that Jesus was born at night and in a manger, to fully immerse oneself in the story and the liturgical significance of the

moment, a Midnight Mass seems the best place to achieve these goals.

The darkness and the gentle hush that nighttime provides helps set the scene and enhance the spiritual component of Christmas.

The Nativity of Jesus takes place in two Gospels of the Bible: the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of Matthew. The version of Luke goes much more deeply into the story of Mary's virgin conception through the time of Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

Here is Christ's birth according to the Gospel of Luke:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She

wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.'

Later, the Gospel continues, "He was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

Midnight Mass has become an important component in the celebration of Christmas for the faithful.

While secular celebrations may focus on the arrival of Santa Claus at the midnight hour, religious celebrations often involve filling churches at midnight to spread the word of Christ's arrival.

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BRANDER - ELSIE MARY (NEE SPAAPEN) 1920 - 2011



Elsie Brander passed away December 14, 2011 at the age of 91 years. Elsie was born on May 29, 1920 at Empress, Alberta. She was the oldest daughter of Piet and Elise Spaapen and grew up in Bindloss, Alberta. She attended Calgary Normal School in 1938 to become a teacher. Throughout her teaching career, she taught at Bindloss School, Burnside School, Midway School and Ross Ford Elementary School. On December 31, 1941, she married Sandy Brander who farmed east of Didsbury. They had ten children; three sons and seven daughters. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. After farming and teaching for many years, they retired to Didsbury. Elsie was a very adventurous woman and travelled to many destinations around the world. She was active in the United Church, the Woman's Institute, and the Woman's Institute Girls' Club and volunteered for many other clubs and functions throughout her lifetime. Elsie was a well respected teacher, neighbor and friend in the Midway, Lone Pine and Didsbury communities. She was a role model for her family and many co-workers and students.

Elsie is survived by her children Sandra Jensen, Doug Brander (Andrea), Karen Krebs (Dale), Lisa Brander, Jack Brander (Debbie), Robert Brander, Christine Brander (Gaetan), Janet Gole (Brett), Judy Jackson, Joanne Brander (Lori), 21 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Alexander (Sandy) Brander, her brothers Peter and John Spaapen, her sister Marie Louise (Toots) Bailly, and her grandsons Michael and Scott Brander. The family would like to thank the staff at Aspen Ridge Lodge for their wonderful care and compassion. Memorial Service was held at Zion Missionary Church, Didsbury, AB on Monday, December 19, 2011.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Aspen Ridge Lodge, Box 2290, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.mylalternatives.ca.



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190. Announcements 190. Announcements

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And he will be called
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Isaiah 9:6



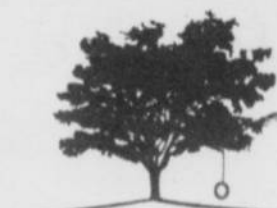
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